

# What I Can Do With A Major In HISTORY

The study of the past broadens our perspective and allows us to discover the essential elements of human existence. Besides preparing students for careers in government service, law, teaching, business, advertising, and journalism, an education in history can lead to a variety of enriching careers. Positions that attract history majors will likely require some of the following qualifications: experience, extensive knowledge of a particular time period or region, the ability to communicate with diverse groups of people, and good writing and research skills. The term historian covers a broad range of career options and job settings. In general, historians study, assess, and interpret the past to determine what happened and why. They examine court documents, diaries, letters, and newspaper accounts; they conduct research, write, teach evaluate, and make recommendations. They interview individuals and study archeological and artifactual evidence. Schools, universities, libraries, and museums, government offices, and private enterprise are some of the job settings for history majors.

**Examples of Job Titles for History Majors:** Some of these jobs require education beyond the bachelor's degree.

*Anthropologist	*Legal Assistant /	*Market Research	*Museum
*FBI / CIA Agent	Paralegal	Analyst	Technicians &
*Journalist	*Sociologist	*Travel Agent	Specialist
*Psychologist	*Clergy	*Consumer	*Writer / Author
*Archeologist	*Government	Advocate	*Demographer
*Foreign News	Official	*Historic Site	*Insurance Agent
Correspondent	*Librarian	Tour Guide	/ Broker
*Lawyer	*Teacher, Social	*Media	*Park Ranger
*Public Relations	Studies	Consultant	*Economist
Specialist	*Community	*Urban	*Intelligence
*Archivist	Relations Director	Administrator	Analyst
*Foreign Service	*Historian	*Counselor	*Peace Corps /
Officer	*Lobbyist	*Historical	Vista Worker
*Lecturer	*Technical Writer	Society Staff	*Editor
*Research	*Congressional	Member	*International
Assistant	Aide	*Museum Curator	Relations
*Biographer	*Historic	*Urban Planner	Specialist
*Genealogist	Preservation	*Criminologist	*Political
	Specialist	*Indicter	Scientist

## **Some Employers of History Majors:**

Advertising	Bureau of the	Business and	Central
Broadcasting	Census	Industry	Intelligence

Agency / Federal  
Bureau of  
Investigation  
Department of  
State  
Media  
Museums &  
Archives  
Paralegal  
Profession  
Peace Corps /  
Vista

Politics  
Public Interest  
Groups  
Campaigns  
Legislators  
Political Parties  
Research  
foundations  
Schools and  
Universities  
State and Local  
Governments

Travel and tour  
services  
Administration &  
Legislation  
Corrections &  
Court Systems  
Education  
Health and  
Human Services  
Highway & Street  
Construction and  
Maintenance

Housing &  
Community  
Development  
Library  
Parks &  
Recreation  
Police & Fire  
Protection  
Social & Welfare  
Services  
Transportation

### **History Major Skills**

Explaining Ideas  
Interpreting events and ideas  
Writing and presenting information  
Examining evidence  
Analyzing ideas and information  
Developing a world view  
Explaining the present by referring to the past  
Decision making